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Rep. Neubauer invites Racine Pastor for Assembly Opening Prayer

MADISON, Wis. — Members of the Wisconsin State Legislature may invite faith leaders from their communities to deliver the prayer at the beginning of floor proceedings on session days. Today, Rep. Greta Neubauer, D-Racine, introduced Pastor Ernest Ni’A, of Wayman AME Church in Racine, to deliver the opening prayer. Following the prayer, Rep. Neubauer released the following statement:

“I am thrilled that Pastor Ni’A was able to join us and deliver the opening prayer for today’s floor session. As a dedicated and engaged member of our community, Pastor Ni’A has demonstrated his passion for doing what’s right.

“Pastor Ni’A’s prayer today was particularly apt for our work in the legislature. He emphasized the importance of focusing on compassion and community as we craft legislation for our state. When we keep those ideals at the top of our minds, we can more effectively represent our communities.

“Pastor Ni’A is truly one of the best people I have had the pleasure of working with during my time representing Racine. Pastor Ni’A spends quite a bit of his time as the Pastor at Wayman AME Church in Racine, and I know is well loved by his parishioners, but somehow manages to be everywhere else too.

“As soon as I took office, I met with Pastor Ni’A and he shared the challenges he sees in our community and his vision for our future. He not only grounds all of us in that vision, but he puts his boots on the ground too.

“His work is exemplified by his commitment to show up to the places where violence has taken place in our community, to be with the families impacted and to continue working to stop violence before it happens. He is always there, as a rock for our community, and as an incredibly kind, thoughtful, caring and dedicated leader.

“I want to extend my sincere thanks to Pastor Ni’A for serving our community and for opening today’s session.”